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In re application of: **Hughes et al.**

Serial No.: 09/443,963

Filed: November 19, 1999

For: **Encryption Key Management
System Using Multiple Smart Cards**§
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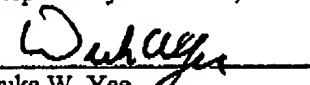
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In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.